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Norton recognized for aid to crime victims

In honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Darcy Norton, Director of Victim Assistance in Gibson County was recognized as the 2006 recipient of the United States Attorney's Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Rights of Victims.

The award, established in 1991, is given annually by the United States Attorney's Office to honor an individual who unselfishly gives their time and efforts to better the lives of crime victims. It especially re-

flects the nation's recent heightened awareness of the devastating impact of crime and violence on its victims, while underscoring the importance of helping victims heal and rebuild their lives.

Ms. Norton has gone above and beyond what her job has required of her in her tireless quest to educate the community on domestic violence and related victim issues. She has been also instrumental in arranging educational seminars and has written grants securing

items such as cameras and cell phones for victim safety.

Ms. Norton serves as Secretary with the Domestic Violence Task Force in Gibson County, and led several events which promote awareness of domestic violence, including 5K run/walks. Darcy Norton is an outstanding role model and source of support, demonstrating genuine compassion for the victims she serves.



Sweeney joins National effort to STOP violent crimes against women



Captain Diane Sweeney of the IUPUI police department is one of twenty law enforcement executives chosen from across the nation to participate in the *National Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women*. The International Association of Chiefs of Police will host the third Annual Institute taking place in Providence, Rhode Island. The Institute will raise awareness on crimes of violence against women and make it a top

priority on the agenda of law enforcement.

During the three-day Institute the selected participants will gain knowledge on different ways for investigating crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. Participants will also be encouraged to focus on assessing agency performance and sharing challenges and solutions with colleagues.

In an effort to help law enforcement agencies strengthen their response to violent

crimes against women, the Institute will focus on methods for resource allocation, hoping to hold perpetrators accountable and essentially help crime victims. The participants will engage in the development of an action plan throughout the Institute. Upon returning to their departments, the participating law enforcement executives will be encouraged to create new strategies for proactive coordinated collaboration within their communities.



Governor's Greeting

I would like to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the "Justice Journal," a new service being provided to you by our Indiana Criminal Justice Institute's Victim Services Division.

There are no public servants who deserve more respect and praise than those who work daily to protect the public and assist our neighbors who have been victimized by crime. This newsletter will focus on our public servants and organizations that are making a difference in the lives of Hoosiers

everyday. New Division Director, Lydi Davidson, strives to make the



Victims Division a partner with service providers throughout the State of Indiana in seeking justice and providing critical victim assis-

tance services. You'll be hearing more from Lydi and the rest of our Indiana Criminal Justice team throughout the coming issues.

On behalf of a grateful state, I want to thank you for your work. Your efforts exemplify Indiana's long and great tradition of coming to the aid of our neighbors in times of need.

From the Director's Chair

Greetings! I'm Lydi Davidson, the new Division Director for the Victim Services Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. I am honored to be serving in this position and working with the dedicated service providers around the State of Indiana that work tirelessly every year to protect the rights of victims.

I am a Graduate of the University of Texas where I received a Bachelor of Social Work, and received a Master of Social Work degree from Indiana University.

Before joining ICJI, I served as the Program Director for Youth Devel-

opment at the Indiana Human Resource Investment Council, Assis-



tance Director for Community Partnerships with Youth, and as Executive Director for the Indiana Youth Group.

My career with ICJI began with the Youth Division where I served as Grants Manager. My past experi-

ence as a grant writer and manager, program developer, and administrator provide me with the qualifications and expertise needed to lead this division.

I look forward to meeting with those of you in field who are providing such vital services to victims. It is my hope that this newsletter serves as an informational resource to demonstrate the "best practice" approaches being used statewide, and as a venue to recognize those agencies and individuals that excel in providing quality services to victims.



National Crime Victims' Rights Week



Take Back the Night Walk in Kokomo



Hoosier Hills PACT
Dining with the Stars "FUN"draiser

"National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a time where we can join together to recognize the impact of crime on victims and communities, and to dedicate ourselves to helping victims and survivors of crime."

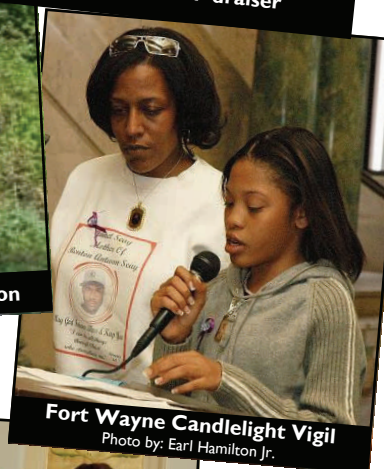
Laura Berry Berman,
Executive Director,
Indiana Coalition Against
Domestic Violence



INCASA Recognition Breakfast



Victims' Rights Week walk in Anderson



Fort Wayne Candlelight Vigil
Photo by: Earl Hamilton Jr.



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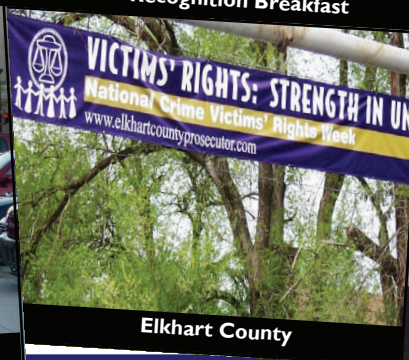
INCASA Recognition Breakfast



Scott Co. Prosecutor's Office Presentation
Photo by: Kelly Cozart



SOS of South Bend
Take Back the Night Walk



Elkhart County



Greenfield Police Department Luncheon
Poster Contest Winners



ICJI Agency Spotlight

Protective Order Pro Bono Project - Indianapolis

The Protective Order Pro Bono Project (POPBP) gives law students in Indianapolis an educational experience and members of the bar an opportunity for public service as they address a pressing need for legal services identified by the Marion County Superior Court Judges who hear domestic violence cases.

Law students partner with a practicing attorney to provide pro bono legal services to victims of domestic violence who need to establish or enforce a protection order through civil proceedings.

Since its inception in September 2001, POPBP has represented more than 630 victims of domestic abuse in their protective order hearings and offered hundreds more advice and counsel. In July 2004, POPBP began a victim advocate program that to date has served more than 2500 clients.

Advocates have their own office in the Protective Order court, making it convenient for them to provide immediate services, assistance and information to victims as they come into the court.



The Protective Order court receives the initial referral from the POPBP advocates, court staff, shelters, and other direct service providers. The victim is contacted and the case is screened to determine eligibility for the program before a case is assigned to a POPBP team.

Volunteer attorneys and legal assistants handle most of the client cases, with the Executive Director, Annette Biesecker,

providing backup and emergency coverage. Any attorney who wants to do pro bono work and is willing to take the POPBP training course can volunteer.

The law student works with the attorney to investigate facts, verify personal service, collect evidence, conduct research, and draft any pleadings necessary for a civil protection order proceeding.

The attorney represents the victim during all hearings before the court. "For the woman facing her abuser [in court], her attorney is really a lifeline," said Biesecker, adding "clients who know they will have a lawyer at their side and someone who has listened to them, believed in them and is willing to stand up for them can make the difference between going forward with the case and dismissing it."

"Court is an intimidating experience for anyone, even lawyers get butterflies in their stomachs when they are appearing in court."

Annette Biesecker, CEO

St. Jude House - Crown Point

St. Jude House, named after St. Jude, the patron saint of those in need of help, particularly at times when hope seems impossible, is located in Crown Point

St. Jude house provides services to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and their dependent children.

Funding for the construction of St. Jude House was made possible by generous grants from Donald J. Burrell, Crown Point businessman, and the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago whose long ministry in Northwest Indiana includes caring for the sick, elderly,

young and the physically challenged.

St. Jude House provides shelter and crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and their dependent children assistance in pursuing a violence free life, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Shelter services include a 45-day program providing crisis intervention, housing, daily living needs (food, toiletries, emergency clothing), support groups, legal advocacy, referrals and connections to social service agencies and entitlement programs.



Education and information about the dynamics and effects of domestic violence is also an integral part of the program. Residents share in housekeeping and cooking. The children's program, in addition to counseling and support groups, offers conflict resolution and personal safety information.

Both residential and non-residential clients and their children may participate in support groups and one-on-one counseling sessions.

All services are provided free of charge.

Frequently Asked Questions



Q) When will I know if my grant for FY 2006 was approved?

A) Grant award announcements will not be made until after the ICJI Board of Trustees meeting on June 16th. At this time, ICJI cannot provide a specific date as to when the award packets will be mailed. You have until August 31st to return the required signed documents to ICJI.

Q) How is a determination made on who is awarded funding?

A) Grant recipients are selected based on Federal requirements and guidelines, demon-

strated community, regional, and statewide need, and a preference for effective continuation programs that demonstrate "best practices". Careful consideration is given to programs serving the needs of the undeserved.

Q) Is there a match requirement?

A) Applicants must provide 25% for STOP and 20% for VOCA of the total project cash (funds contributed from private sources or state and local governments) and/or in-kind (services or goods donated by the applicant organization or other entities match).

Q) Why does ICJI require receipts with claim vouchers?

A) ICJI requires receipts to verify that the expenditures you are paying for match the budget that was approved when your grant application was approved. ICJI needs to ensure that funds are spent on allowable costs.

Q) Where can I obtain a copy of financial and performance reports?

A) ICJI grant documents can be found on our website. You can also find information for upcoming trainings, as well as events happening across the state.

Visit us on the Web!
www.in.gov/cji/grants/victim.html

Upcoming Trainings

May 18, 2006

- Involving Men as Allies: A Forum for Providers
- Clark Memorial Hospital - Conference Center
1220 Missouri Ave.
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 19, 2006

- Exploring the Roots of Sexual Violence
- Waycross Assembly Building
7363 Bear Creek Rd.
Morgantown, IN 46160
- 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

June 8, 2006

- Implementing Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams
- Council on Domestic Abuse
1400 Hulman
Terre Haute, IN 47802
- 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

June 22, 2006

- Needing to Exhale: How Providers Get Their Groove Back
- Community Action Association
1845 W 18th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



June 22-24, 2006

- MADD Advocate Training
- Fort Wayne State Police
5811 Ellison Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

August 10-12, 2006

- MADD Advocate Training
- Evansville Central Library
200 SE MLK Jr.
Evansville, IN 47713



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www.in.gov/cji

Helpful Hints for Closing Your Grant



We understand closing your grant is a stressful process due to the various reports that need to be submitted.

A few helpful hints:

- Write your grant number on all documents
- Submit Final Financial Report either showing the balance as zero, or with a check for the remaining amount, unless funds need to be de-obligated.
- All funds must be obligated by June 30, 2006, but you have until September 20, 2006 to request funds from ICJI.
- Grant amendment requests are due by May 1, 2006. Requests should be submitted if you are making changes to your budget, program or requesting an extension.
- If you have any questions, call us, we are happy to help make the process as smooth as possible.

Important Due Dates

6/30/06 - 2005 Project End Date

7/1/06 - 2006 Grant Period Begins

7/20/06 - 2005 Fourth Quarter/Final Financial Report, VOCA Performance Report due

8/31/06 - 2006 Award Letter, Subgrant Award Report, Certifications & MOU due

9/20/06 - 2005 Final Financial Report, and refund of un-used grant funds due

